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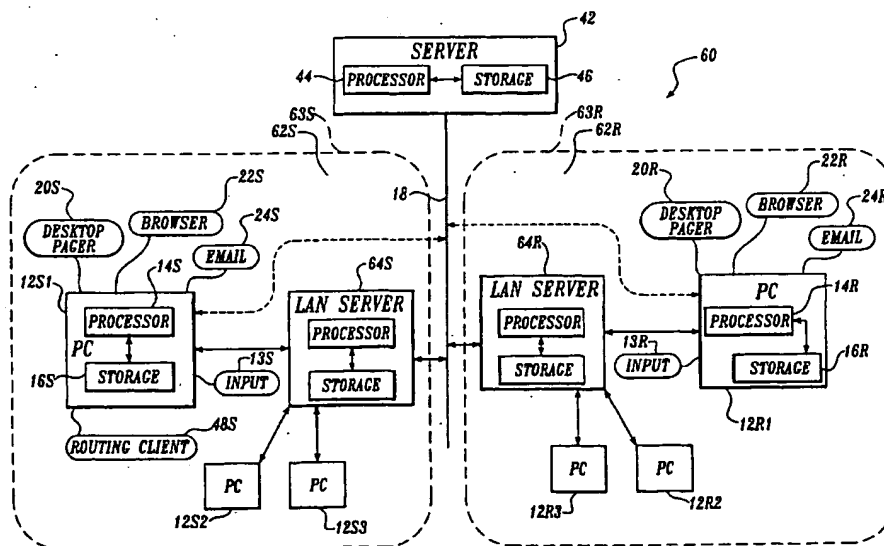
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A server and a method for facilitating communication between a sending device and a receiving device, comprising routing of messages between said sending device and receiving device according to a message routing preference.

2. Claims: 18-22,42,43

A server and a method comprising storing on the server a log-on status for a client.

3. Claims: 23-26,44-48

A server and a method for receiving a callback request from a first client and providing the callback request to the second client.

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